

## "Griswold" Tour 2009

If you remember the *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* movie, you'll remember Clark Griswold placing a large amount of lights on his home. *The following Crown Point homes have been nominated by their owners as candidates for the 2009 "Griswold" Home of the Year.* 

- 1. 2170 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.-The McDonald Home
- 2. 412 Cardinal Dr.-The Bodamer Home
- 3. 694 Davis Ct.-The Kapitan Home
- 4. 413 E. Greenwood- The Easto Home
- 5. 202 S. Indiana Ave.-The Lindau Home
- 6. 441 S. East St.-The Gard Home

While voting has closed; you can still enjoy this wonderful 45-minute tour with your whole family.

## **Route 2009**

Begin at the Civic Center, 101 S. East Street, and continue heading North on East Street. Follow East Street till it dead ends on Goldsborough; pass the tank memorial area. Make a right at the stop light onto Main Street, headed north.

You are passing the Baumgardner home, 1303 N. Main Street, on the left hand-side across from Oasis Video. It is an honorary stop on our tour and a perfect example of homemade décor mixed with commercial items. The snowman that rests on the tree and wreathe that dons the front of the residence is homemade.

Make a right onto W. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave., on the right-hand side of the Main Street (it is right by The Times Newspaper Building). Continue to the McDonald Home at 2170 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is on the left-hand side of the road.

Turn around and head East on 95<sup>th</sup> Ave. to get back onto Main Street, headed South towards Goldsborough.

Follow Main Street South. Make a right onto Goldsborough, at the stoplight. Turn left onto Holton Ridge, also known as CANDY CANE LANE-a 50 year community tradition. It is an honorary stop on the tour.

Round the court and then make a right onto West Street. Make a right onto South Street. Turn left onto Cardinal Drive, on the left-hand side before Lake Street.

Pass 412 Cardinal, it is on the right-hand side of the road. Turn around and make a left onto Bluebird and then a left onto Fairview. Make a right onto South Street and then make a right onto Court Street. Follow Court Street headed south. Pass 493 Court St., an honorary stop on the tour and a grand display of LED lights.

Make a right onto Greenwood towards Ellendale Farms. Make right onto Lake Street and then turn left onto Mary Ellen (headed into Ellendale Farms Subdivision). Stay on Mary Ellen and pass the gazebo on your right. Make a left onto Davis Court.

Pass 694 Davis Court, on your right-hand side. Go around court and make a right back onto Mary Ellen and then a right onto Lake Street, then a left onto Greenwood. Take Greenwood east to 413 E. Greenwood Ave., on the right-hand side of the road.

Make a right at the stoplight onto 9-mile road (Indiana Ave.). Follow Indiana Ave. headed north and then you will pass 202 Indiana Ave., on the left-hand side of the road. The home is right before the intersection of 231 and Indiana Ave.

Make a left onto 231/Joliet St. and head toward downtown Crown Point. Make a left onto East Street at the light to 441 S. East St. on the right-hand side of the road. Make a right at the stop sign at the end of the street, when it "t's". Then make a right onto Main Street headed north. Pass the Courthouse on your left and make a right onto E. Clark Street to end the tour.

The 2009 "Griswold" Tour is proudly sponsored by Mayor David D. F. Uran, The City of Crown Point, White Hawk Country Club, St. Anthony Home/Franciscan Communities, Pigtails and Crew Cuts, the nominated homes, Crown Point Lions Club and the Crown Point business community.

The City of Crown Point would like to extend sincere gratitude to the many volunteers whose time and talents made these tours such a success; especially our volunteer tour guides Tricia Diamond and Pamela Hulen.

**Happy Holidays from the City of Crown Point!**